

Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting
Minutes
April 15, 2013 - 6:30pm

Attendees:

Commissioners – Chair Daphne Robinson, Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Lin Garretson, Mary Lynn Vance, Barbara Jirsa, Amy Lam

Staff - Joe Guinasso, Allison Gubata

Commission Volunteer Liaison - Margaret Rosenow

Absent with regrets - Max Montrey, Bharath Sankaranarayan

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Note Approval of March 18th, 2013 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD (2013)

- \$32,300 total budget for 2013
- \$30,340.62 current balance
- Expenditures to date: \$1,959.38

Gov-Delivery Improvements/Features have been satisfying the electronic bulletin marketing for Arts Commission events. At this time the Commission will table seeking out alternative sources.

Student Artwork – Requests by local students are brought to the Commission occasionally to display their artwork here in City Hall. The Commission discussed that a better option would be to route these requests to the EX3 Teen Center here in Sammamish. Commissioner Shedd confirmed that the EX3 Teen Center Management would welcome this opportunity.

“Jump On Board” Exhibit – The specifics behind the making of a skateboard film will to be created here in the Sammamish Skate Park is under way. One of the exhibiting artists, Jason Singler may be the one being filmed and he is working on photography for this exhibit as well.

Sammamish Maintenance Facility Exhibits – are under way. The current exhibit of water color paintings is by a Sammamish artist Jerome Steffen. Anna Macrae is heading up the coordination of exhibits at this city facility.

July 31st Farmer’s Market iPod drawing class is being coordinated and hosted as a partnership with art East and the Sammamish Arts Commission. The marketing material will include information about the free downloadable free app and the class will last between 45minutes to an hour in the Council Chambers at Sammamish City Hall. Commissioner Jirsa has submitted a grant request to cover the expense of hosting a series of these classes.

“Calling All Poets” Review – This was a lovely program, with a great turn out. These “boutique programs” allow the community to have a conversation. There were some powerful moments at this event, as this was a perfect form for people to share moments of their lives. About 40 people in attendance.

“Au-Some Artists” - April 20th – The interest level is increasing and not only the Sammamish but the neighboring communities are getting the word about the Special Arts Sammamish classes. The response has been high with people wanting to volunteer as well as class participation. The local newspaper has reached out to the Arts Commission requesting to cover this event. Commissioner Garretson has been hosting pre-class meetings for volunteers, to share expectations for the classes.

Communication has been a little challenging reaching out to people with special needs, as so many classes are not designed for this specific group.

An additional \$150.00 was requested for the “Au-some Artists” class, Commission approved. Total budget for all upcoming Special Arts Sammamish classes will be \$550.00.

Architecture Program - April 27th – registered attendees is low, however Commissioner Montrey will be making a marketing push over the next week.

“Assisted Living” - May 2nd – Readers are needed for this event. The script will be scaled down and the speaking parts will be assigned.

Art for Seniors - May 9th - A bulleting announcing this event, will go out Wednesday of this week.

Art Education Month - May 10th – Both districts have been invited to share the visual arts programs and be recognized thru a proclamation, which will be signed by and presented by the Mayor of Sammamish. The Arts Commission is hosting a reception, which will be videotaped for ch21. Guest Speaker Lisa Fitzhugh founder of Arts Corps Seattle, now has her own business “Creative Ground”. Lisa makes the connection between creative arts and how those activities affect the brain especially with regards to critical thinking.

Web Archiving – Commissioner Vance met with the city webmaster and asked the Arts Commission for feedback on what they would like to see on the Arts Commission page. Consensus that this page should be visually attractive, with more interactive photos and graphics. Suggestion to review what local theatres and other arts agencies are doing on the web to promote and archive material.

Prefer something quick & easy. For example, click on an event poster and it brings you to more information on the current or upcoming event, past event would go to the archiving portion of the site. Once an event has passed you could select the flyer and it would bring up the past events photos or other information from that event.

2014 Arts Commission Planning – In May we will start planning for 2014, this next planning session will be under the new Chair Anne Schaefer. Commission was asked to bring ideas for next year’s programming.

Adjourn 8:47 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, May 20, 2013 – 6:30 pm

“When action is led by thoughtfulness and driven by passion people can do great things.”

Action items:

- *Liaison Gubata: Update Sammamish Arts Commission access/rights on Facebook page*
 - *Farmer’s Market sign-up sheet for electronic bulletins*
 - *Inquiry on adding sound to the GovDelivery electronic bulletins*
 - *Request for Marketing on CH21 – have Arts Commission flyers and other marketing material show up between recorded meetings etc.*